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Gov. Rell, Cong. Johnson, Rep. Hamzy: Plymouth Awarded Housing Rehab Grant



Governor M. Jodi Rell, U. S. Rep. Nancy L. Johnson and state Rep. William A. Hamzy, announced today that the state has awarded a \$300,000 Small Cities grant to the town of Plymouth to continue its housing rehabilitation revolving fund program.

"The town should be able to repair 12 housing units with this new funding," Governor Rell said. "The money can be used for electrical upgrades, septic system repairs, installation of new roofs and wells, and replacement of windows."

"Housing rehabilitation is critical to building stronger communities. This investment in improving affordable housing for the low to moderate income homeowners in Plymouth will greatly improve their quality of life, as well as help them protect one of their most valuable assets-their homes."

"This will be a big boost to the Plymouth residents and their housing needs," said Congresswoman Johnson, R-5th District. "I continue to fight for these federally-funded grants because they pay dividends far beyond their value. They preserve the power of local governments to assure the services that people need while easing the financial burden on local taxpayers."

"This grant will benefit the entire town," said Representative Hamzy, R-78th District. "It will give property owners the opportunity to improve the appearance and structural integrity of their homes and apartment buildings. It will increase property values and contribute to a better quality of life for all Plymouth residents."

The program, started in July 2004 with a \$300,000 Small Cities grant, provides no-and low-interest loans to income eligible applicants.

The federally funded Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program provides grants to eligible municipalities for economic development, affordable housing, community facilities and services, and revitalization of development projects. The funds are supplied by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and are administered by the state Department of Economic and Community Development.